

Claim Amendments

1-13 (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A container filling plant conveyor arrangement configured to transport containers, such as bottles and cans, said conveyor arrangement comprising:

an input being configured and disposed to receive an input stream of containers;

a first output being configured and disposed to discharge a first output stream of containers;

a second output being configured and disposed to discharge a second output stream of containers;

a first conveyor ~~belt structure~~ and a second conveyor ~~belt structure~~;

said first conveyor ~~belt structure~~ being configured and disposed to receive a portion of the input stream of containers from said input and being configured and disposed to discharge the first output stream of containers to said first output;

said second conveyor ~~belt structure~~ being configured and disposed to receive a portion of the input stream of containers from said input and being configured and disposed to discharge the

second output stream of containers to said second output;

said first conveyor ~~belt structure~~ and said second conveyor ~~belt structure~~ together being configured and disposed in a physical relation with respect to one another to separate the input stream of containers into the first output stream of containers and into the second output stream of containers;

a guide structure being configured and disposed to guide the first output stream of containers to said first output and the second output stream of containers to said second output;

said first ~~conveyor structure~~ conveyor belt comprises a first portion disposed adjacent said input configured to receive an input stream of containers and a second portion disposed adjacent said first output being configured to discharge a first output stream of containers;

said second conveyor ~~belt structure~~ comprises a first portion disposed adjacent said input configured to receive an input stream of containers and a second portion disposed adjacent said second output being configured to discharge a second output stream of containers;

said second portion of said first conveyor ~~belt structure~~ and said second portion of said second conveyor ~~belt structure~~ being

disposed to diverge from one another at a point of divergence;

said guide structure is disposed between said point of divergence and said first and second outputs to permit separation of the first stream of containers into the first output stream of containers and into the second output stream of containers;

said guide structure comprises a tip portion;

said second portion of said first conveyor ~~belt structure~~ and said second portion of said second conveyor ~~belt structure~~ are disposed at an angle with respect to one another to separate the first output stream of containers from the second output stream of containers; and

said second portion of said first conveyor ~~belt structure~~ and said second portion of said second conveyor ~~belt structure~~ diverge from one another anteriorly of said tip portion of said guide structure.

15. (currently amended) The container filling plant conveyor arrangement according to claim 14, comprising:

at least one sheet metal surface structure;

said at least one sheet metal surface structure is disposed adjacent said point of divergence to permit separation of the first

output stream of containers and the second output stream of containers; and

said at least one sheet metal surface structure is configured to cover at least a portion of the space between said first conveyor belt structure and said second conveyor belt structure and to permit sliding of containers thereon.

16. (currently amended) The container filling plant conveyor arrangement according to claim 15, wherein:

said first conveyor belt structure comprises a first band conveyor; and

said second conveyor belt structure comprises a second band conveyor;

and the container filling plant conveyor arrangement further comprising:

a turn station configured and disposed to effectuate at least one of (i) and (ii), wherein (i) and (ii) comprise:

(i) turning of a conveyor band of a band conveyor; and

(ii) turning of the direction of movement of containers on a band conveyor.

17. (currently amended) The container filling plant conveyer arrangement according to claim 16, comprising:

a third conveyer ~~belt structure~~ and a fourth conveyer ~~belt structure~~ together being configured and disposed to receive containers from said first output and to separate containers from said first output into a third output stream of containers and a fourth output stream of containers.

18. (currently amended) The container filling plant conveyer arrangement according to claim 16, comprising:

a third conveyer ~~belt structure~~ and a fourth conveyer ~~belt structure~~ together being configured and disposed to receive containers from said first output and to separate containers from said first output into a third output stream of containers and a fourth output stream of containers.

19. (original) The container filling plant conveyer arrangement according to claim 18, wherein:

said angle comprises approximately 1.5 degrees.

20. (currently amended) The container filling plant conveyer

arrangement according to claim 14, comprising at least one of (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), wherein (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) comprise:

(c) at least one sheet metal surface structure;

said at least one sheet metal surface structure is disposed adjacent said point of divergence to permit separation of the first output stream of containers and the second output stream of containers; and

said at least one sheet metal surface structure is configured to cover at least a portion of the space between said first conveyor belt structure and said second conveyor belt structure and to permit sliding of containers thereon;

(d) said first conveyor belt structure comprises a first band conveyor; and

said second conveyor belt structure comprises a second band conveyor;

and the container filling plant conveyor arrangement further comprising:

a turn station configured and disposed to effectuate at least one of (i) and (ii), wherein (i) and (ii) comprise:

- (i) turning of a conveyer band of a band conveyer; and
- (ii) turning of the direction of movement of containers on a band conveyer;

(e) a third conveyer ~~belt structure~~ and a fourth conveyer ~~belt structure~~ together being configured and disposed to receive containers from said first output and to separate containers from said first output into a third output stream of containers and a fourth output stream of containers;

(f) said first conveyer ~~belt structure~~ and said second conveyer ~~belt structure~~ comprise one of (i) and (ii), wherein (i) and (ii) comprise:

- (i) a belt conveyer ~~belt structure~~; and
- (ii) a chain conveyer ~~belt structure~~;

and

(g) said second portion of said first conveyer ~~belt structure~~ and said second portion of said second conveyer ~~belt structure~~ are disposed at an angle with respect to one another to separate the first output stream of containers from the second output stream of

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containers;

said angle comprises approximately 1.5 degrees.

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